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factories ' and references to the Factories Act, 1934, consequent on the repeal of the Factories Act, 1934, by the Factories Act, 1948. It is also proposed to amend the proviso to section 5 (1) of the Act to make it clear how the period of 240 days should be calculated and also to bring it into line with the more liberal provisions of the Mines Maternity Benefit Act in regard to qualifying service and medical examination.

But there is no proposal to amend the Act so as to enable the women workers employed in the non-seasonal factories entitled for the maternity benefit to get *full wages* instead of 8 annas as stipulated in section 5 of the Act.''

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—'' In view of the fact that the cost of living has increased by four or five times since 1935 and in view of the fact that the mother-workers in the non-seasonal factories are suffering a lot with the meagre allowance, will the Government be pleased to consider the question of giving effect to the proposal? ''

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' I would like to have notice on this question, Sir.''

Silt clearing in Kolianur channel, Villupuram.

* 371 *Q.*—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER (on behalf of Sri V. R. Nagarajan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the ryots of the Villupuram taluk regarding the Kolianur channel flowing through the Villupuram town;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware of the encroachments made on the channel and its banks; and

(*c*) whether there is any proposal to remove the silt and sewage-mud formed in abundance on the bed of the channel?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
'' (*a*) Yes.

'' (*b*) & (*c*) A report has been called for from the Collector of South Arcot.''

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—'' May I know the date on which the representation was received and the reasons for the delay? ''

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—
'' The reason for the delay is, it was referred to the Public Works Department. But, it is now understood that it is with the Minor Irrigation Department. So it is now in charge of the Collector. I think this was received about two months back.''

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Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the heavy rainfall in Villupuram, will the Government consider the desirability of removing this silt and sewage mud accumulated in this channel as early as possible? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " The matter will be considered."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" The Hon. Minister was pleased to state that the Collector's report has been called for. May I know whether he will be pleased to place before the House the Government's order on the report? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " It is not usually done. If, however, the hon. Member wants any specific information, I will let him know."

Sri M. JAGANNATHAN :—" May I know when the report from the District Collector was called for? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " I cannot exactly say offhand and I have to search for it. I want notice, Sir."

Appointment of Assistant Labour Inspectors.

* 372 *Q.*—Sri P. VENKATASUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the procedure for appointing Assistant Labour Inspectors, their qualifications and the duties to be discharged by them; and

(*b*) the number of Labour Inspectors recruited from among the Harijans?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The answer [a] is placed on the table of the House."

Sri P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" May I know whether the Government have prescribed any test for the Assistant Labour Inspectors and whether those already in service are going to be removed from service for not having passed that test? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I heard the hon. Member say, 'removed from service'. I am not aware of any such thing. So far as the qualifications and examinations are concerned, they are printed and placed before the House."

Sri B. APPALASWAMI :—" రాష్ట్రంలో ఉన్న labour inspectors లో Communal G. O. ప్రకారం హరిజనులు ఉన్నారాండి? లేనిచో లోటును భర్తీచేస్తారా?"

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There are twenty Harijans working as Assistant Labour Inspectors."

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 464 infra.